THE CRUMB

BREAD LOAF SCHOOL OF ENGLISH • VERMONT • 2024

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AT A GLANCE

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INTRODUCTION

I've been ruminating lately on the root word "rêve." Derived from French's *rêver* "to dream" and used throughout the English language, it implies a gentle, celebratory quality. As we begin our Week One revelry, I hope to beguile you with updates and revelations. As the editor of this summer's Crumb, I invite you to contact me with your own dreams and ideas. The Crumb will be available daily at lunch and on BreadWeb.

I take wisdom from poet Emily Dickinson as I look forward to cultivating this summer together: "To make a prairie it takes a clover and one bee, One clover, and a bee. And revery. The revery alone will do, If bees are few."

EDITOR IN BREADSIDENCE

TM: JULIA ARCE 2023

My name is Anna Mae. I have been teaching English in Wisconsin for 8 years as well as teaching alternative education for 5. Along with reading, crafting, and playing with my two cats (Bear and Moose), I enjoy acting and directing for my local theatre guild. I began my Bread Loaf career in 2018 with sci-fi and fantasy and American film. Though I graduated last year, I am delighted to come back to the mountain- a place I've long considered my intellectual home.

ARRIVAL NOTES

Please park your vehicles in lot near the Barn and only use the road for loading/unloading!

Check BreadWeb and CyberBarn for updates, digital Crumbs (past and present), and to share information with your fellow Loafers.

Say hello to Victoria, MacNair, Ed, and Kalli at the Inn!

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MEAL TIMES

Breakfast:
7-8:30 AM

Lunch:
11:45-1:30 PM

Dinner:
5:15-7:00

All meals are served buffet-style. Please serve and clean up after yourselves.

WHO'S WHO?

Dean: Emily Bartels, Rutgers
Director: Lyndon Dominique, Lehigh
DAs: Brenda Healy, Mery Lizardo, and Dan Moorin
BLTN Director: Beverly Moss, Ohio State
Technology Director: Caroline Eisner
Admin. Director: Dana Olson
VT Campus Coordinator: Dianne Baroz

WHERE CAN I...

Pick up provisions?
Hannaford, TJ Maxx, Walgreens are located at the base of the mountain and have a variety of necessary goods.
Post letters and postcards?
Give them to the front desk at the Inn and they will post for you!
Get a Maple Latte?
Lots of places in town! I recommend little seed coffehouse.

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In case you missed yesterday's Crumb No. 0, forgot about the Crumb entirely (how *could* you?), or are driven by the insatiable curiosity characteristic to Bread Loafers, let me reintroduce myself and this publication. The Crumb is a daily newsletter archived here at Middlebury since 1921. Available Monday–Friday at lunch both physically and digitally, *The Crumb* exists to keep students, faculty, and staff up to date on events, musings, services, happenings, inside jokes, and general fripperies.

I, Anna Mae, am your Editor in Breadsidence this summer. I can be reached at atempus@middlebury.edu at any time (though I do not promise coherent replies after midnight). Please reach out via email at least 12 hours in advance of printing with information to be included in *The Crumb*, kindly noting that we are limited to two pages per issue. Be informative, be funny, be earnest, but above all: brief.

A DINING HALL REQUEST

The dining hall staff kindly requests students to leave their backpacks, tote bags, umbrellas, and other accoutrement on the bench outside of the dining hall.

This will reduce tripping hazards and clutter in our beautiful dining space!

Additionally, please compost the following items: food scraps, paper napkins, and plates. You may recycle plastic utensils!

FROM WHENCE COMETH LOAFERS?

If you haven't already done so, please place yourself on the "2024 Homeplaces of the 2024 Bread Loaf Community" map.

You'll find the link in the shortcuts on the lefthand margin of your BreadWeb home screen. If you don't see it, search for "BLSE 2024 Map."

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5:00 - 7:00 pm

All meals are served buffet-style. Please serve and clean up after yourselves.

AN INVITATION

In case you are interested in being a peer reader for the writing center, please send an email to David Wandera.
What is a peer reader, you ask? This is a helpful student who will offer writing center services to peers for the summer.
What does it take, you wonder? There are readings to be completed before training to be a peer reader. The training will take place this Friday, June 28!

BOOKSTORE

The on-campus bookstore, located in Barn East, will be open starting Wednesday at 10. Summer hours will be 10-1pm Monday through Thursday. Pick up Bread Loaf gear, faculty books, and other provisions!

A NOTE ON ALCOHOL AND NICOTINE

Please refrain from smoking or vaping in buildings, on porches, or within 25 feet of campus property.

Vermont laws dictate that all alcohol served at a program event **must be consumed within the designated time/place for that event.**

Remember too that you are not permitted to bring your own alcoholic beverages to any events sponsored by Bread Loaf. Please bring an ID to every event at which alcohol is served!

A MOMENT IN TIME

As we head into a truly historic election year, you are cordially invited to a presidential debate watch party on Thursday evening in the dining hall. Though this is a bit of a "non-traditional" pond reading, we hope that this event will spark conversation and provide a moment of togetherness for our Bread Loaf Community.
The DAs welcome you to our first community reception in the Tent at 10pm for libations and cheer. Bring your ID!

A NOTE ON EVENTS

Our hardworking Director's Assistants are excited to welcome you to all of our evening receptions and events. As each event wraps up, please be courteous of their time. Complete your last calls and conversations and carefully make your way home.

VISITING DOWNTOWN

If you'd like to visit Middlebury's main library, the college fitness center , or other cool places downtown, catch a ride in the Bread Loaf van, which seats eleven passengers. Sign up at the Front Desk. Shuttles leave from The Inn at 1:30 p.m. and are typically back between 4:00-4:30 p.m
Mornings and weekends are by appointment only.

FRONT DESK

If you haven't already, don't forget to go say hello to our wonderful Front Desk staff: Peter Newton, Matt Fiorentino, Kalli Federhofer, MacNair Randall, Edward and Victoria Brown.

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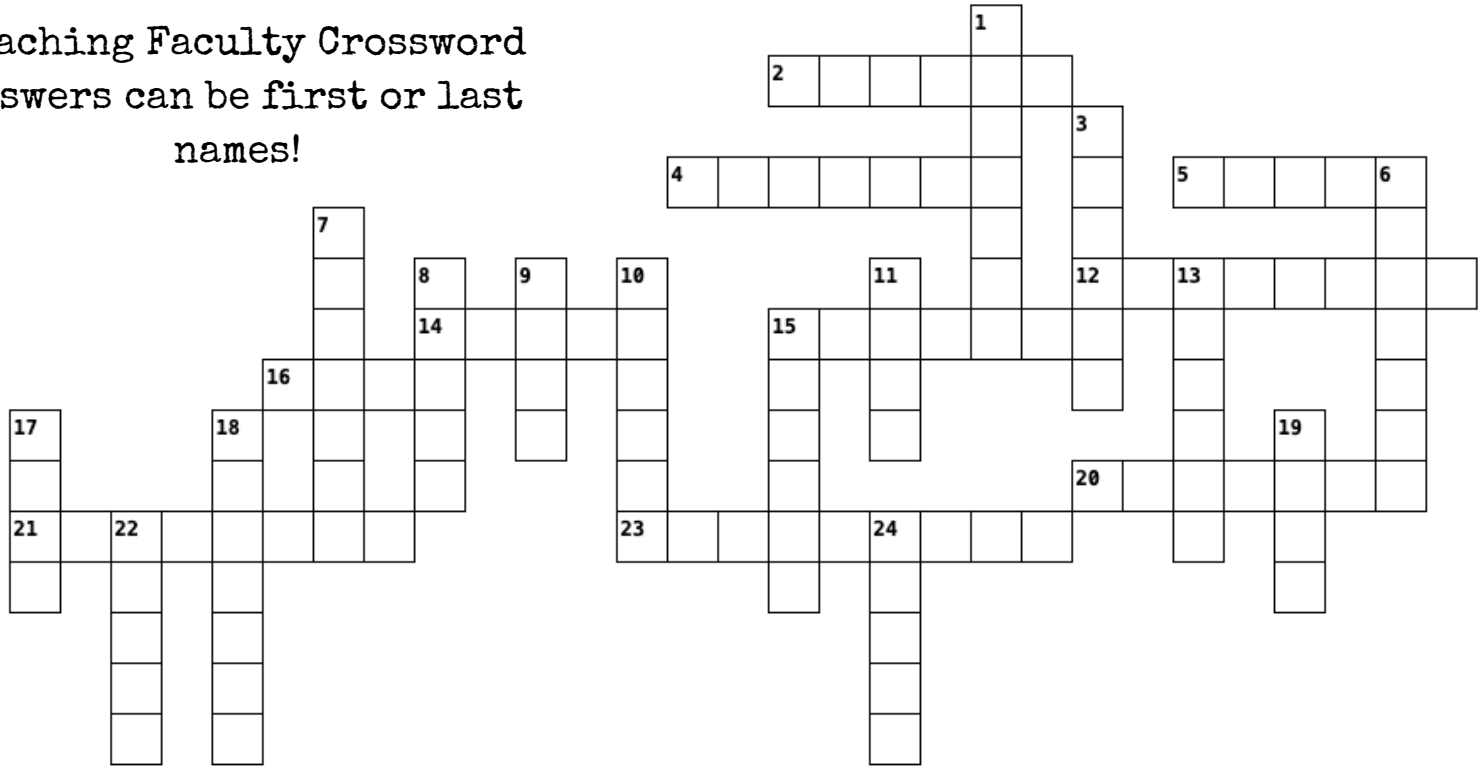
Teaching Faculty Crossword
Answers can be first or last names!



Across

2. her latest book is set at a mountaintop New Hampshire boarding school... wink

4. A Faerie Queen, lost in paradise, perhaps

5. member of Bread Loaf Acting Ensemble since 2010

12. teaching "Reading Novellas"

14. co-teaching with Angela

15. enjoys a colorful (or not) last name

16. might sit at a round table, romantically

20. don't close them on this prof!

21. Director of the Comprehensive Writing Program at Spelman College

23. teaching "Exploring Shakespeare: Actor and Audience"

Down

1. BLTN, linguistic anthropology, teaching- this Bread-lifer can do it all!

3. author of "The Romantic Tavern"

6. nothing _____ can stay, -man

7. served as editor of the New England Review for twenty years

8. not a grouch

9. in sheep's clothing

10. not a menace

11. California prof enjoys a good (drive) along Hwy 1

13. AKA Bob

15. not her country of origin

17. you'll want to join his clubb

18. producer of film "Man on Fire"

19. teaching "The Russian Novel in the 20th Century"

22. Since 1984 he has performed in over two dozen Bread Loaf productions

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FIND YOURSELF

We know you come to Bread Loaf to find yourself in a deeper way. We'd like to find you, too. Would you take a minute to fill out your profile on BreadWeb? We bet you can figure it out, but short video instructions are at bit.ly/breadwebguide.

STUDENTS OF COLOR RECEPTION

The Bread Loaf Director, Lyndon Dominique, will host a reception for all students of color **tonight** 7:00-8:00pm at Treman (the third yellow house with the large side porch across the road from the Inn). Bread Loaf faculty, actors and staff of color are also invited to meet and greet new and returning students of color as well as learn more about the Students of Color group and activities on the mountaintop.

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"AN INVITATION TO DANCE"

David Wandera told us "Good writers love good readers. Good readers love good writers." The Writing Center asks you to join the dance this summer by becoming a peer reader! Reach out to David at **dwandera@middelbury.edu** for information about pre-reading and training this Friday, June 28 from 9-4:30.

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RESOURCES

As Emily Bartels said last night, "Welcome to the dance!" To make our joyful, Loafing entrance into our summer boogie, here is a list of some of the resources and supports available to you as students and staff.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Health & Wellness Education can be contacted at healthandwellnessed@middlebury.edu & our website is go.middlebury.edu/hwe. For summer, we offer advocacy supports and health coaching. If a student is seeking support from a health educator to set goals, explore strengths and develop behavior changes related to a health and wellness topic, they can seek health coaching services! For supports with power based personal violence, students can seek advocacy services. Zoom appointments available.

COUNSELING SERVICES

Middlebury Counseling offers students short-term counseling, group therapy, consultation, and referrals to other mental health resources.
Counseling will be holding office hours in the Barn on Fridays from beginning on July 5, 2024.
to supplement the regular in-office availability on the main campus Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm. To make an appointment or review resource options, call 802-443-5141 or email counseling@middlebury.edu

PREVENTING RESPIRATORY VIRUS SPREAD

Information regarding respiratory virus mitagation can be found here and here.

HELLO FROM THE LIBRARY!

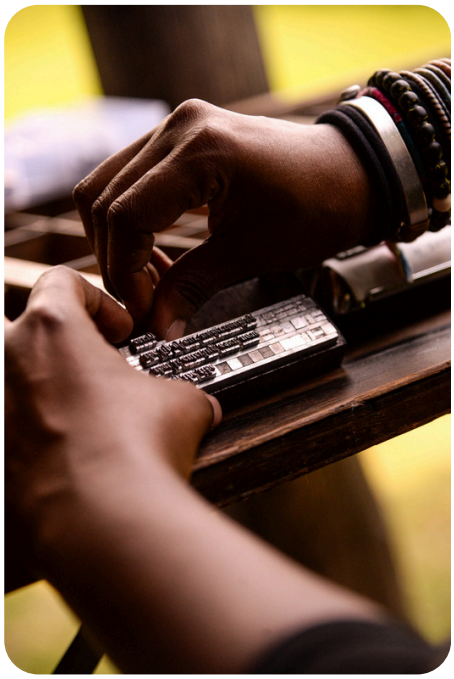
Welcome to the mountain, Bread Loafers! Please stop by the library to say hi, grab a free bookmark and some candy, and let us assist you with: wireless access; finding course reserves; requesting books to be delivered (speedy fast!) to the mountain; and printing. We'll post in the Crumb every Monday with new library tips to start your week. We're looking forward to meeting everyone -- happy first day of classes!

-Kellam Ayres, Liaison to the Bread Loaf Programs (kayres@middlebury.edu)

LETTERPRESS LIVES!

Take a right out the Inn and follow the little stone path down the side of the road. Where the path ends, your adventure begins. Wander down a little further, carefully cross the road, and you will find the Printer's Cabin. Though revitalized in the 1980's by Professor John Fleming, it has stood since 1896 as a haven of printing and printed works.
You are invited to an open house on Friday, June 28 from 10-2pm. Im*press* your friends and family with a letterpress printed poem, monogram, or your ampersand. Individual and group appointments will open later this summer. Watch for sign ups on the bulletin board and more information in The Crumb.

In August of 2017, the Cabin was again reconditioned and electrified. The first proof, a quote by Robert Frost, remains all-too fitting for our work as letter-lovers: "Freedom lies in being bold."



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BELONGING AT BREAD LOAF

Join us Friday, June 28 from 9am to 12pm for a lecture and conversation with Dr. Michelle Robinson (Spelman College) and Dr. Sheila Carter-Tod (University of Denver) centering around the subject of belonging in the Bread Loaf community. Born out of discussion from Students of Color meetings, this lecture will include storytelling, dialogue about traditions and curriculum, as well as information on reflecting on our own pedagogical choices and learning spaces.

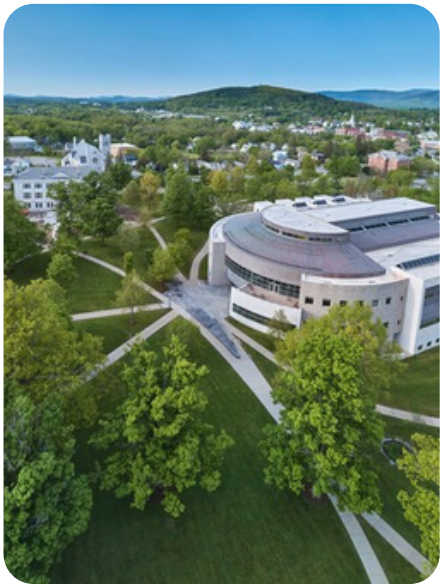
This exchange will then be brought into practice on Saturday during the hands-on workshop (more information forthcoming). All are invited to the table for this important conversation- let's talk about how we can cultivate an inclusive and truly welcoming Bread Loaf community.

Event will be live-streamed here.

GET PUBLISHED

The Bread Loaf Journal seeks to publish your writing, creative and otherwise. Let your words document your reflections and truths of the day and go down in posterity for future generations of Bread Loafers to ponder and enjoy.

The submission form is live until 11:59 p.m. on July 11. If you have any questions, please email fkim@middlebury.edu. This is the sign you were waiting for!



CAMPUS TOUR

Our Middlebury campus tour led by Ed Brown is on Friday, the 28th. Carpooling is encouraged but the Front desk van will also have eleven spaces available on a first-come first-served basis (sign-up at front desk).

Van will leave at 1:30 pm from the front of The Inn. Carpoolers should meet at the front of the Inn to follow the van down to the main campus.

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FIRST BREAD LOAF TEACHER NETWORK MEETING TONIGHT!

For over 30 years, the Bread Loaf Teacher Network (BLTN) has provided teachers the space and support to develop innovative exchanges and socially transformative partnerships that connect students across geographic, cultural, racial, religious, and socio-economic differences. Members of BLTN span the globe, from Pakistan to Alaska, providing students with opportunities to engage with authentic and diverse audiences.

This summer's theme is *Making School Relevant: Teachers, Students, and Communities in Meaningful Collaboration*. Together we'll explore what aspects of our teaching still feel vibrant and how a curriculum in English and the Humanities can make school relevant and engaging for today's students.

Join us this (and every!) Thursday night from 7-8:15pm to be inspired and make connections that will enrich your teaching.
Read more about BLTN at bit.ly/MiddBLTN

TAKE A HIKE!

This Saturday we will be venturing to Silver Lake, which involves an easy three-mile round trip through Eastern deciduous forest. Featuring the Falls of Lana on the hike up, we will picnic at the Lake and leisurely return well before dinner. We will prepare lunches in the dining hall before leaving from the Inn Front Porch at 10:00 and we will return by 4:00.

Participants should bring a bathing suit and towel, bug repellent, a layer for inclement weather, and wear comfortable walking shoes. While the school van will accommodate up to eleven people, people can certainly opt to drive themselves, follow the van, and wander at their own pace.

POND'S THE NAME

Beginning next week Thursday, July 4, pond readings will commence here at Bread Loaf Vermont.

What is a pond reading, you ask? It is an informal gathering of our community, traditionally at the pond behind the Barn.
Each Thursday, a different campus group will introduce themselves as well as a surprise reader.

Come to listen, to breathe, to be together. Bring a flashlight and an open heart.

LETTERPRESS LIVES!

You are invited to an open house on Thursday, June 27 3-6pm! The Printer's Cabin will be **closed** on Friday to encourage all to attend Dr. Robinson's lecture on Belonging at Bread Loaf. Next week's sign ups will be posted on Monday morning outside the dining hall.

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AT A GLANCE

Friday

9-4:30pm Writing Center Training- Library 2nd Floor

9-12pm Belonging at Bread Loaf Lecture with Dr. Sheila Carter-Tod (U of Denver)- Barn

1:30-3pm Middlebury Campus/Town Tour- Inn Porch

8:30-11pm Contra Dance- Barn
Red Dog Riley

Saturday

9-12pm Belonging at Bread Loaf Workshop- Tent

10-4pm Silver Lake Hike (3 Mile)- Inn Porch

8:30-11pm Kate Youngdahl Film Screening: Hill Farmer

Sunday

BELONGING AT BREAD LOAF- A CONTINUATION

After the critical dialogue that took place this morning, it is time for us to put our words into practice. Join us from 9-12 on Saturday, June 29 from 9am-12pm. During this hands-on workshop, you can expect guidance from engaged and strategic leaders as well as collaboration with your community members. "You don't have to have DEI certification," says Dr. Robinson, "in order to help people feel more welcome in a space." Learn about and create lesson plans, activities, and processes for your classroom or institution that foster strong connections and a better sense of belonging for all.

Let us come together as a Bread Loaf community this Saturday. All are invited regardless of attendance at Friday's lecture. Bring your laptops, notebooks, as well as open minds and hearts. See you there!

A HILL FARMER'S STORY

Bread Loaf alum Kate Youngdahl-Stauss (MA 2015, MLitt 2023) used the diaries of two early 20th century Vermont hill farmers to open a window onto the past and provoke startling ideas about the present. The culminating experience for Kate's MLitt, the documentary is an evocative exploration of how rural landscapes mold people and how they in turn shape the land.
22 minutes with a Q&A to follow.

PARKING

All cars need to be moved from **Rte 125** and from behind **Larch/Inn** to the **parking lot.**

TAKE A CONTRA-CHANCE

Red Dog Riley will be here tonight, Friday 28. Out of Cornwall, VT, they will perform and teach our light-footed Loafs how to contra dance. What is contra dance, you wonder? A descendant of English and French country dancing, it is an American form that uses a "caller" to guide dancers from move to move. Join us from 8:30-11 pm to enjoy music and movement!

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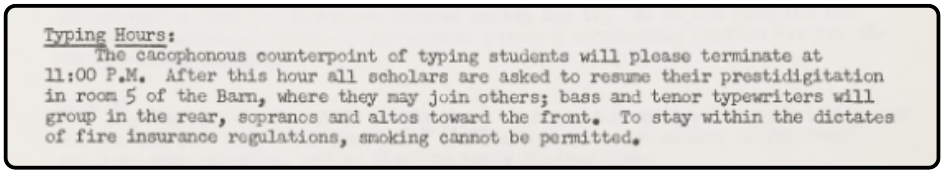
THEN AND NOW, NOW AND THEN

Since its inception, over 100 editions of The Crumb have been released to the hungry mountain Loafs. What did our early glutinous comrades learn during their time on the mountain? What were their concerns with the world, their interests in literature, their desires and hopes and tragedies? In this occasional Crumb series, I'll be digging into the Middlebury archives and giving you some hopefully thought-provoking and entertaining tidbits.

Typing Hours- The Crumb 1967



Typing Hours:
The cacophonous counterpoint of typing students will please terminate at 11:00 P.M. After this hour all scholars are asked to resume their prestidigitation in room 5 of the Barn, where they may join others; bass and tenor typewriters will group in the rear, sopranos and altos toward the front. To stay within the dictates of fire insurance regulations, smoking cannot be permitted.

Suggested Topics for Essays- The Crumb 1921

Ivanhoe:

- The Tournament vs a Football Game
- My Reasons for liking Rebecca better than Rowena

The Odyssey:

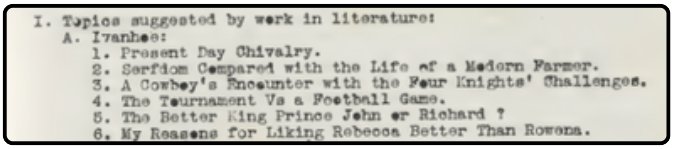
- A Day of a Greek Girl's Life (Or Boy's Life Compared with a Day in my Own Life
- Qualities I Admire in Penelope

Julius Caesar

- The Reasons for Shakespeare's Choice of Title

Nature

- The Habits and Haints of the Nuthatch



I. Topics suggested by work in literature:
A. Ivanhoe:
1. Present Day Chivalry.
2. Serfdom Compared with the Life of a Modern Farmer.
3. A Cowboy's Encounter with the Four Knights' Challenges.
4. The Tournament Vs a Football Game.
5. The Better King Prince John or Richard ?
6. My Reasons for Liking Rebecca Better Than Rowena.

GREETINGS FROM THE BREAD LOAF THEATER!

We wanted to take a moment to remind everybody that we will be presenting three staged readings this summer: Whitney White's "By The Queen," Lauren Gunderson's "Book of Will," and Richard Nelson's "Two Shakespearean Actors." Stay tuned to the Crumb for reminders as these events approach.

Also, please remember that **ALL of our rehearsals are open to the public** - we welcome visitors, and we rehearse Sunday - Friday nights, usually from 7-10pm. All we ask is that you **please enter and exit the theater quietly.**

And lastly - we hope you will be interested in joining us for our community **auditions on Sunday July 7 at 7:00pm** in the Little Theater. If you've ever wanted to join us on-stage in a wonderful adventure, this is your chance! See you at the theater!

MOVIE MAGIC

José Espinosa (Acting Ensemble member) wrote a script that highlights the beauty of the area and the Bread Loaf community, and now... we're making a short film! Now's your chance to join the ranks of DuVernay, Kore-eda, Spielberg, Bong Joon Ho, Jenkins, and PTA.

If any of the departments below spark inspiration in you, if you've worked on sets before and want to lend a hand, or if you have no experience at all and want to join in the fun, please reach out to co-producer Cherie at **cherie.c.rice@gmail.com** by July 1.

The time commitment— 5 hours minimum. The Departments: Wardrobe, Hair and Makeup, Sound, Casting, Camera, BTS (behind the scenes), Photographer. We're also looking for a ***Certified Lifeguard.

Look forward to making movie magic with you this summer.
-(Percy Bysshe) Shelley

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A MESSAGE OF COMMUNITY

As you may likely be aware, an outside voice brought a racist threat to the edge of our campus yesterday – targeting one of our students and his family.

As part of our response, **today we'll be holding a "Belonging Gathering" in the Barn from 5:00 - 6:00 pm** to affirm the sense of belonging we are cultivating here together: to sit, to talk, to be together as a community in solidarity with each other and in support of the family harmed by this incident. Please join us.

PROOF YOUR HALF-BAKED IDEAS

Hello Bread Loafers,

The Writing Center is opening this Tuesday!

Our hours for this week will be:

Tuesday: 10 AM–12:15 PM, 5–8 PM

Wednesday: 10–11 AM, 11:15 AM–2:15 PM, 2–8 PM

Thursday: 10 AM–12PM, 5–8 PM

Friday: 10:30–11:30 AM, 12–3 PM

Please use this QR code to sign up!

BELONGING AT BREAD LOAF

Between Friday and Saturday, 100 Loafers attended Dr. Robinson & Dr. Carter-Tod's lecture and workshop on Belonging.

The hope of the gathered group is to continue the conversations and work that this event sparked- expect follow up events this summer as we discuss the future of Bread Loaf and belonging.

"Let me be a part
Of this needed change"
Nikki Giovanni, *Biography*

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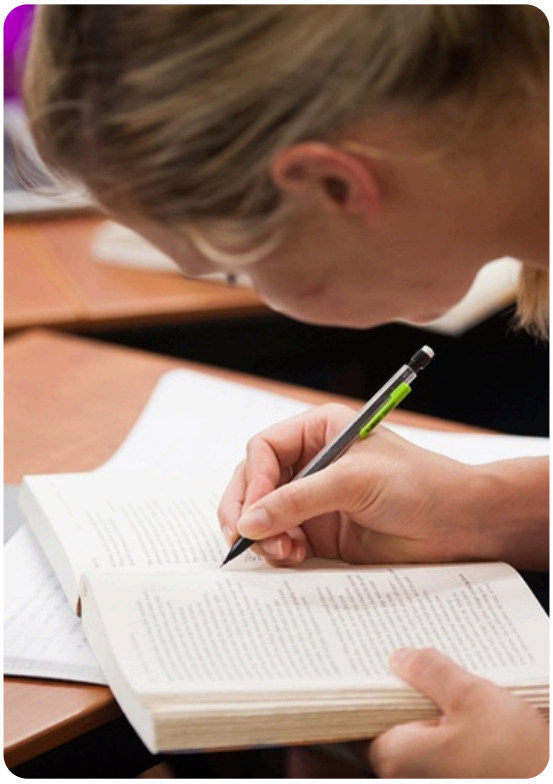
THE LIBRARY CAN HELP WITH RESEARCH!

Are you beginning to brainstorm paper topics and wondering where to find books and articles in support of your work? We're here to help. First, please visit the **BLSE LibGuide** (go/blseguide/) which highlights many of the library resources at your fingertips. Then, visit **LibrarySearch** (go/librarysearch/) which searches everything at Middlebury including books, journals, databases, newspaper articles, book reviews, and much more. There's an abundance of resources out there, and the Library staff is here to help you sift through it all.
-Kellam Ayres, Liaison to the Bread Loaf Programs (kayres@middlebury.edu)



OPEN DOOR POLICY

The first performance of *By The Queen* is this Wednesday, July 3. But did you know that all rehearsals are open as well?

Rehearsals run from 7-10 PM Sunday-Friday, and all guests are welcome. Please be mindful of your *quiet* entrances and exits (no pursuits by bear, if you can help it).

PODCASTING PERFECTION

Learn how to create a professional-quality podcast, as well as how to teach your students to do the same!

Session 1 (Friday, July 5th, 1:00-3:00pm in the Apple Cellar) (Please bring a cell phone and a laptop)

- Finding your podcast topic(s)
- Developing and conducting interviews
- Effective recording
- Introduction to editing sound files
- Planning the components and scope of your podcast

BLUE PARLOR

Looking for a place to share your creative writing this summer? Look no further than Blue Parlor (...but actually in the Barn!). This is a student-led reading for all genres that takes place **every Tuesday evening at 8:30**.

Sign ups take place the old fashioned way as a sheet on the bulletin board outside of the dining hall. Each reader should plan to take **no more than 10 minutes** to read aloud to ensure we have enough time for all readers to share. The theme—to be adhered to as loosely or strictly as you choose—is **emerging**.

Contact this year's host, Daria, at **dcenedella@middlebury.edu** with any questions. We can't wait to hear your work!

MAKE AN IMPRESSION

Letterpress sign ups are live. outside the dining hall. Sign up soon as spots get filled as fast as you can say your ABC's. Come join the magic!

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ANDOVER BREAD LOAF

On Thursday, participants from the Andover Bread Loaf (ABL) program will join us on campus for workshops.

What is Andover Bread Loaf? ABL is an outreach program of Phillips Andover Academy. Launched in 1987, It is built around a partnership between Phillips Academy and BLSE. During the summer ABL offers 5 programs; the one closest to BLSE is our Adult Workshop for Educators (AWE), a professional development program.

This summer, AWE participants are from Lawrence and Lowell MA, San Juan, Puerto Rico, Baton Rouge, New Orleans, the Santa Fe Indian School, and Johannesburg, South Africa. We also offer a summer workshop for high school students from Lawrence MA that enrolls 75-80 students per summer and is led by our high school and college Writing Leaders.

Other ABL summer programming in Lawrence include Rising Loaves (30) for middle school students, Slice for elementary school students (40); and the ABL Library Camp at the Lawrence Public Library for all ages (30). During the school year, ABL Writing Leaders offer extensive programs in the schools and community organizations of Lawrence.

Read more about Andover Bread Loaf here.

A SPACE TO MEET

If you would like to reserve a space on campus for any reason (book club, movie screening, trading your extensive/embarrassing collection of Yu-Gi-Oh! cards), please see the bulletin board outside of Gail and Dianne's office on the first floor of the Inn.

Use the sign up sheets to check availability and reserve the space. Sheets are organized by room!

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TANGLED (BREAD)WEB?

Need help figuring out how to control your email notifications from BreadWeb? You didn't know you can send your Bread Loaf peers direct messages there, and they'll go to their email? But surely you know you can request your own private or public group. (The Zumba group in Vermont is _____[insert Zumba verb]-ing.)

No prob. Reach out to Tom McKenna at tpmckenn@middlebury.edu for a quick tutorial or email help. Don't forget the video guides, too at bit.ly/breadwebguide.

Message Anna Mae on BreadWeb with your guess at the best "Zumba verb" for a prize. I'll print my favorites!

FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

Attention all rising loaves: Each summer, new Bread Loaf students meet in small groups with Bread Loaf administration to learn more about academic options, resources, and academic advising. It's an opportunity to get to know academic advisors, ask questions, and check in with how classes and the Bread Loaf experience has been treating folks so far.

We ask first-year students to schedule these first-year meetings through Karen Browne (kbrowne@middlebury.edu).

Meeting times will start as soon as this week and continue throughout the session; students will be meeting with either Director, Lyndon Dominique, or summer Director of Student and Academic Support, Tyler Curtain.

WARM UP THOSE CHILLY DRAFTS!

The Macrorie Writing Center is available for all stages of writing!

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SAFETY AND CRIME PREVENTION

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Please note that by entering the contest, you give permission for your work to be printed and distributed (and, of course, celebrated).

Deadlines and Submission

At all campuses, the deadline for submission for the Fiction contest is July 10, and the deadline for entries in the Poetry contest is July 15. Email submissions to Karen Browne at kbrowne@middlebury.edu.

TABLE TALK: BREAD LOAF FILM PROJECT- TODAY!

José, Shelley and Cherie will be hosting a lunch chat in the dining room from 12-1:30 to informally discuss the short film project and opportunities for student involvement. Come have a nosh and learn more!

Also: save the date for Friday the 5th at 11 in Barn 103 for a more detailed look at the film we will be shooting. Scripts, slideshows and inspo pics, oh my!

AN INVITATION FROM THE QUEEN

Please join the Bread Loaf Acting Ensemble TONIGHT for our first staged reading of the season: Whitney White's "By the Queen!" 7:30PM in the Little Theater (no tickets, just come on over!)

CONVERSATION WITH DEAN AND DIRECTOR- THURSDAY!

Emily and Lyndon are hosting a special lunch table from 12 - 1pm on Thursday. They invite you to join them, to share your thoughts and feelings on how we can actively promote belonging in and beyond the community here.

BREAD LOAF TEACHER NETWORK

Thursday's BLTN meeting will be held in The Barn, from 7-8:15 p.m. Andover Bread Loaf guests will be attending- let's show them a warm toasty welcome! Everyone is invited!

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ART IN: BANNERS FOR BELONGING

When: Wednesday, July 3rd, 5-7 PM
Where: The Lawn (in-between the Inn dinning hall and Annex)
Details: If you missed last night's banner making event, come out this evening for Banners of Belonging, an "Art-In" event in support of Louis and his family to make visible that, in our Bread Loaf community, everyone belongs. Stop by after dinner, before the play, or anytime in-between. Bring your food outside to picnic and paint. Not "artsy"? No worries! We need people to help post up banners and signs around campus!

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SATURDAY'S EXCURSION: BURLINGTON GREENWAY

This week we will be taking the bike path less traveled, so take advantage of signing up for a day biking along the shores of Lake Champlain on the Burlington Greenway.
Check this link out for more information.
No pressure, ride at your own pace, the path is entirely FLAT. The only cost for this excursion is the bike rental, $35, the cheapest rate in town that I could find. You will pay your rental fee online from North Star Sports.

We will leave from the Inn Front Porch at 10:00 after packing a lunch, arrive at the rental place at 11:00, ride until our hearts' content, and return by dinner. Bring sunscreen, a layer, a water bottle, and your adventurous spirit, and you will return a different person.

LEAVE THE LIGHT ON

To ensure campus safety, please be sure to leave your porch lights on throughout the night.

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ALL INVITED- FRIDAY WORKSHOP

Join BLTN on Friday at 11 for a workshop on Collaborative Protocol Assessment- a process by famed BLSE professor, Michael Armstrong (1934-2016). This workshop will be led by Andover Bread Loaf and everyone in the BLSE community is invited!

CONVERSATION WITH DEAN AND DIRECTOR- TODAY!

Emily and Lyndon are hosting a special lunch table from 12 - 1pm today. They invite you to join them, to share your thoughts and feelings on how we can actively promote belonging in and beyond the community here.

FACULTY AND STAFF FIRE EXTINGUISHER TRAINING

All (students, faculty, and staff) are invited to this comprehensive training on fire safety and extinguisher handling. Come to the Larch/Laundry Lawn at Noon either Thursday or Friday to learn.

POND READING

Please bring your IDs to the Pond Reception tonight if you would like to partake in libations. Please bring your childlike curiosity and awe if you would like to partake in spectacle of community and wonder.

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IS THIS A BAGUETTE I SEE BEFORE ME

Have you ever wanted to be in a play? Would you like to join the Bread Loaf Acting Ensemble onstage this summer?

Join us at our COMMUNITY AUDITIONS on **Sunday July 7 at 7:00pm** in the Little Theater! Please bring a Shakespeare monologue of your choice to read aloud - you do NOT need to memorize it. Please also wear clothes you feel comfortable moving in. Hoping to see you there!

CREATING A PODCAST

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CONGRATULATIONS!

A hearty congratulations to all of our honored scholars at last night's scholarship reception. Additional felicitations for our 2024 endowed faculty members: Mark Rasmussen, David Wandera, and Brian McEleney.

FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

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CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Bread Loaf Journal seeks to publish your writing, creative and otherwise. Let your words document your reflections and truths of the day and go down in posterity for future generations of Bread Loafers to ponder and enjoy.
The submission form is live until 11:59 p.m. on July 11. If you have any questions, please email fkim@middlebury.edu. This is the sign you were waiting for!

thank you what in us rackets glad
what gladrackets us;
-Ross Gay, Catalog of Unabashed Gratitude

COUNSELING SERVICES

Middlebury Counseling offers students short-term counseling, group therapy, consultation, and referrals to other mental health resources.
Counseling will be holding office hours in the Barn on Fridays from beginning on July 5, 2024. to supplement the regular in- office availability on the main campus Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm. To make an appointment or review resource options, call 802 443-5141 or email counseling@middlebury.edu

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12pm Fire Extinguisher Training- Laundry/Larch Lawn

1-3pm Workshop 'B': Creating a Podcast- Apple Cellar

7:30-10pm *By the Queen* Performance- Little Theater

Saturday

10-4pm Local Hike: Burlington Greenway/Bike Path- Inn Porch

8:30-10pm Dance- Barn

Sunday

7pm Auditions- Little Theater

POETRY WEEK- JULY 8-14!

Next week, Bread Loaf School of English will be celebrating Poetry Week with a week of events, activities, workshops, and conversations about poetry. Join us on Monday for the Elizabeth Drew Lecture, an event which brings scholars, writers, and great minds to our campus each summer.

This year, our guest is Jennifer Grotz, American poet and translator as well as Director of the Bread Loaf Writer's Conference. She's the author of three books: *Cusp*, *The Needle*, and most recently, *Window Left Open*. She has served as a Guggenheim Foundation as well as a National Endowment for the Arts Fellow, and has received a Rona Jaffe Foundation Writer's Award.

More information about Jennifer and the Drew Lecture to come! Mark your calendars, however, for Monday at 7:30pm in the Tent.

THE QUEEN'S INVITATION

Please join the Bread Loaf Acting Ensemble TONIGHT for Whitney White's "By the Queen!" 7:30PM in the Little Theater (no tickets, just come on over!)

Don't forget about auditions on Sunday at 7pm as well! Prepare your favorite Shakespeare monologue (no need to memorize) and be dressed for movement!

FROM THE FRONT DESK

If you wish to use the campfire pit by the pond, please reserve it through the Front Desk.

This is to ensure campus safety as well as keep track of facilities.

STUDENT TIME TO TALK: BELONGING

Save the date: we'll be holding a Time to Talk for students on Wednesday, July 10, at 5:00 pm in the Barn to continue the conversations we've been having about belonging. Come, share out your thoughts on current ways of being and feeling at Bread Loaf.

THE CRUMB, WEEKEND ED.

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THEN AND NOW, NOW AND THEN

Almost 100 years ago, Reginald L. Cook was a student at Oxford, where he read countless books including *Wuthering Heights*, the assorted works of John Milton, and *Pilgrim's Progress*. Cook was a meticulous student, a graduate of Middlebury, and would go on to become the Director of the Bread Loaf School of English in 1946. During that time, he lectured on the importance of poetry, on maps and boundaries, and (my favorite) "On Being Insubordinate."

On Wednesday evening, a group of students received the Reginald and Juanita Cook Scholarship, a gift Juanita established because of the couple's passion for education and firm belief in educational access.

Today, we hold onto this gift through that scholarship (and the scholars it brings to our campus) as well as through a collection of books in the Davison Library. Have a peek through the shelves on the 1st floor to see if you can find Reginald's old notes from his Oxford days. "Doc," as he was lovingly called, was fond of inscribing his name and notes in the flyleaves and margins (something doubtless many Loafers still do today).

Reginald passed away in 1984 having held a close relationship with Robert Frost until Frost's death in 1963.
Archives of both Reginald and Juanita's writing, oral histories, interviews, diaries, etc. can be found in Special Collections at the Middlebury Library.

BOCCE @ BREAD LOAF

Calling all bocce lovers! Sign ups for bocce teams are outside the dining hall on the bulletin board. Once it is full, a bracket will be created and posted.
Games are played at each pair's leisure! This is an ongoing tournament with no date/time requirements beyond playing your games.
All are welcome! Alex Silva (amsilva@middlebury.edu) is happy to explain rules to anyone feeling out of their comfort zone.
To ensure your place on the bracket, make sure you are signed up no later than Sunday night!

DANCE YOUR BUNS OFF

Join DJ Serena in the Barn on Saturday night at 8:30-11pm for an all-school dance. Tracks will include "booty bass, zumba hits, 80's R&B, old-school hip hop, and much much more!"
Bring your IDs if you would like to partake in libations. Bring your sweat tolerance if you'd like to partake in human contact.

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Are you going to miss the lecture? Don't forget about Jennifer's Poetry Workshop on Tuesday at 5pm!

Going to miss Jennifer's lecture AND workshop? (It might be wise, at that point, to spend some time in the meadow under the painted blue sky.) Don't forget Paul Muldoon, Irish poet and Bread Loaf guest this week! Muldoon's work, it was suggested in a review, "is a poetry which sees into things, and speaks of the world in terms of its own internal designs and patterns."

LATE SUMMER BY JENNIFER GROTZ

Before the moths have even appeared
to orbit around them, the streetlamps come on,
a long row of them glowing uselessly

along the ring of garden that circles the city center,
where your steps count down the dulling of daylight.
At your feet, a bee crawls in small circles like a toy unwinding.

Summer specializes in time, slows it down almost to dream.
And the noisy day goes so quiet you can hear
the bedraggled man who visits each trash receptacle

mutter in disbelief: Everything in the world is being thrown away!
Summer lingers, but it's about ending. It's about how things
redden and ripen and burst and come down. It's when

city workers cut down trees, demolishing
one limb at a time, spilling the crumbs
of twigs and leaves all over the tablecloth of street.

Sunglasses! the man softly exclaims
while beside him blooms a large gray rose of pigeons
huddled around a dropped piece of bread.

(WRECK THIS) CRUMB

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Use a marker to make a blackout poem out of this Crumb! Share it with the Crumb editor for a treat. Please return markers when done!

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We hope to see you at Jennifer Grotz's poetry workshop today at 5pm in Classroom 101!
Her books are available for purchase in the bookstore from 10-1pm.

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WRITING CENTER

Hello Bread Loafers,

The Writing Center is opening and ready for you!
Please pop by...
Monday: 10-11 AM, 11:15 AM-12:15 PM, 2-5 PM, 6-8 PM
Tuesday: 10 AM-12:15 PM, 7-8 PM
Wednesday: 10-11 AM, 11:15 AM-2:15 PM, 2-5 PM, 6-8 PM
Thursday: 10 AM-12PM, 5-6 PM
Friday: 10:30-11:30 AM, 12-3 PM

Please use this QR code to sign up!
Walk-ins are also welcome!

BLUE PARLOR // YELLOW BARN

What is Blue Parlor? This is a student-led reading for all genres that takes place every Tuesday evening at 8:30 in the Barn.
Sign ups take place the old fashioned way as a sheet on the bulletin board outside of the dining hall. Each reader should plan to take no more than 10 minutes to read aloud to ensure we have enough time for all readers to share.
This week's theme is **fabrication**.
Contact this year's host, Daria, at dcenedella@middlebury.edu with any questions.
We can't wait to hear your work!

DINING HALL CONNECTIONS

There is almost nothing as classically "Bread Loaf" as lingering over a meal to talk books, teaching, politics, art, or the best Vermont swimmin' hole. You are invited to enjoy this time to its fullest, but please ensure you have bussed your dishes within 15 minutes of the meal line closing. This will allow dining hall employees to finish their shifts on time! Once bussed, please feel free to return to your seats, your debates, and discussions!

A SLICE OF NIGHT SKY

Have you been starstruck this summer, peering at the night sky after contra-dancing or admiring the constellations post midnight-coffee? Join Dr. Catherine Miller, Middlebury Observatory Specialist, for a stargazing event on Friday, July 12. We will meet on the Barn Steps at 9:30. More on Dr. Miller later this week!

SENIOR MEETING

Seniors! Please attend an important meeting tonight at 7pm in Classroom 101. Get in touch with President Louis Smith for more details if you cannot make it.

A (COURTESY) NOTE

When in the library, please be mindful of your volume!

The Inn, the barn, and the dining hall are available for collaborative study spaces during the day. Additionally, feel free to check the availability of classrooms throughout the week on the bulletin board outside of Dianne and Gail's office on the first floor of the Inn.
Let's maintain the peacefulness of our beautiful Davison Library.

OPEN REHEARSALS

Did you hear the cheers emanating from the Little Theater Sunday night and grow curious? The Book of Will rehearsals are officially on for the next 9 days and you invited to sit in on rehearsals! Join us from 4-6pm and 7-10pm Sunday through Friday to get a sneak peek at the process of putting together this tender, heartfelt show.

This poem doesn't give a damn
for rhyme or reason. It only sings
off-key. It has no rhythm
in the jukebox of its soul.

-The Poem Wants a Drink by Karen Glenn

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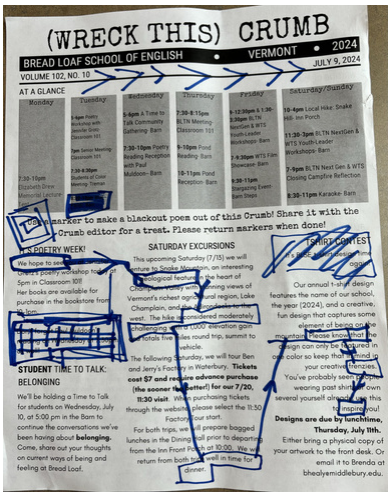
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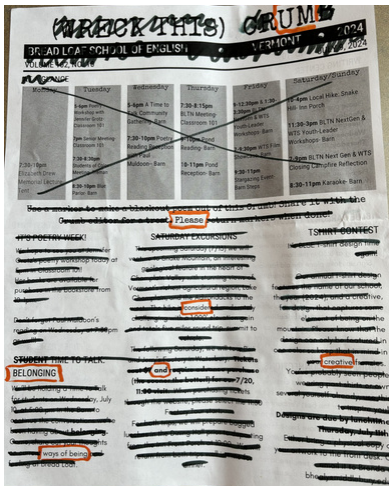

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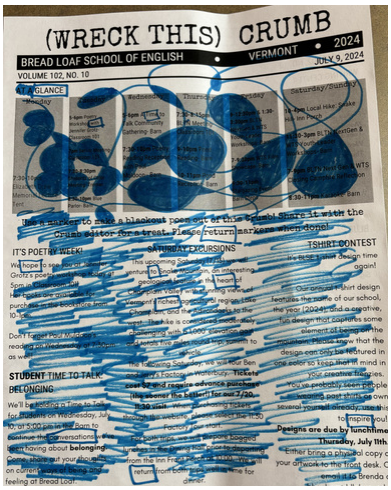

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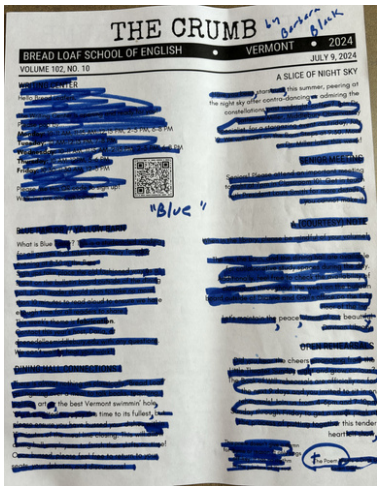

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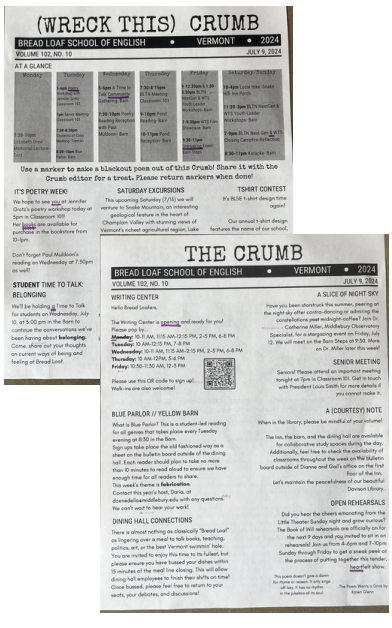
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Tonight we welcome Paul Muldoon to the mountain! Join us **tonight at 7:30pm** in the Barn for what is bound to be an excellent reading!

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HEDGEHOG- PAUL MULDOON

The snail moves like a
Hovercraft, held up by a
Rubber cushion of itself,
Sharing its secret

With the hedgehog. The hedgehog
Shares its secret with no one.
We say, Hedgehog, come out
Of yourself and we will love you.

We mean no harm. We want
Only to listen to what
You have to say. We want
Your answers to our questions.

The hedgehog gives nothing
Away, keeping itself to itself.
We wonder what a hedgehog
Has to hide, why it so distrusts.

We forget the god
Under this crown of thorns.
We forget that never again
Will a god trust in the world.

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BLTN- NEXTGEN

One of the abiding principles of BLTN is that youth are our nation's greatest educational resources. This weekend some extraordinary young people from eight of the ten sites of BLTN's Next Generation Leadership Network and What's the Story? The Young Filmmakers' Social Action Team will be with us for a documentary film showcase and a retreat with presentations that may be of interest to educators among us.

BLTN NextGen was founded in 2017 with a grant from the Ford Foundation. The purpose of the network is to support young people in using literacy to advocate for better, safer, more just places to live and go to school. Now expanded to ten sites from Vermont to Atlanta to the Navajo Nation, BLTN NextGen is guided by a Youth Advisory Board. Members have given professional development to teachers, advocated for safety from gun violence, made compelling documentary films, organized family literacy events, and launched various community health and wellness campaigns.

Members of the Bread Loaf community are welcome to attend the following events with our visitors. All events are in the Barn. We especially recommend the What's the Story? Film fest with documentary films created by middle and high school students.

You see, this mortal thing hinges on distance...
You however, are a social thing

-Richard Milby, Blue Parlor 7/9/24

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Linger after lunch to make a collage poem! Supplies will be out for the afternoon.

QUIET CAR

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OFF CAMPUS CONVERSATIONS

Bread Lifer Rebecca Makkai will be in conversation with novelist Jean Hanff Korelitz tonight at 6pm downstairs at 51 Main (Everything Nice). As part of its curated programming, Everything Nice will offer light bites and a cash bar. Come join us for an evening conversation about everyone's favorite subject: literature and language.

A CONSTELLATION OF STORMS

Friday's stargazing event with Dr. Catherine Miller is bound to be illuminating. However, we are prepared for inclement weather! Should there be significant clouds/storms on Friday night, the event will be moved to Saturday. Time and meeting place will be the same.

ROBERT HAIDUKE POETRY CONTEST

A reminder to enter your poems for the Robert Haiduke Poetry Contest! You may submit up to two poems. Please note that by entering the contest, you give permission for your work to be printed and distributed (and celebrated and awarded a cash prize!). The deadline for entries in the Poetry contest is July 15. Email submissions to Karen Browne at kbrowne@middlebury.edu.

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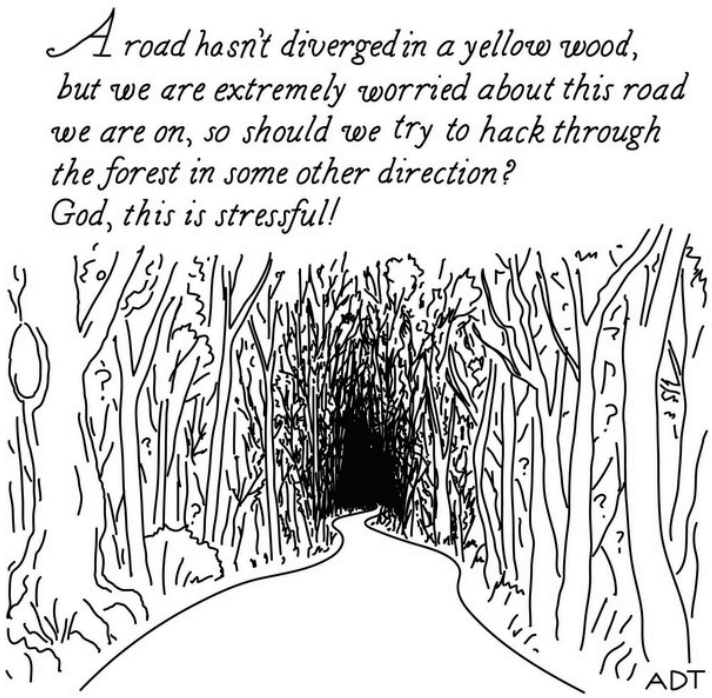
A road hasn't diverged in a yellow wood,
but we are extremely worried about this road
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the forest in some other direction?
God, this is stressful!
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Cartoon by Adam Douglas Thompson for the New Yorker

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Filmmakers will introduce each film before screening an excerpt of it. Each block of films concludes with a short Q&A session with filmmakers. See the QR code for detailed descriptions of each film.

Act One:

"Misrepresented: Native Americans in Film**"** by Eleseo Swentzell (Santa Clara Pueblo, NM)

"Depression: A Walk Through Mental Health" by El Pintair (Williston, VT)

"Gentrification in Chelsea, MA" by Jefferson Rivera and Richard Murcia (Chelsea, MA)

Act Two:

"The Aftermath" by Angelique Abeyta (Santa Clara and Isleta Pueblos, NM)

"Rebranding Aiken High School" by Ezekiel Whetstone and Charity Johnson (Aiken, SC)

"It's Always a Balancing Act" by Alana Lansing (Navajo Nation)

"To the Bone" by Jacques Snell (Bristol, VT), Jillian Dragon, and Bowie Berloso (both of Middlebury, VT)

Act Three:

"Kentucky Uninformed" by Katie Than Duong, Brianna Elizabeth Speer, James Paul Hankins, Jay Presnell, and Jesse Cleaves (Louisville, KY)

"Behind the Capitol" by Felix Ralda Carreto and Suleymi Gonzalez Ojendiz (Washington, D.C.)

"Teachers Who Look Like Me and Mirror My Identity" by Reyanne Toledo (Jemez Pueblo, NM)

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BY WILL AND BY INN

Mark your calendars! Come join the Bread Loaf Acting Ensemble for our second staged reading of the season, Lauren Gunderson's "The Book of Will," next week, Wednesday July 17 and Friday July 19 at 7:30pm in the Little Theater. See you there!

SING LIKE YOUR LOAF DEPENDS ON IT

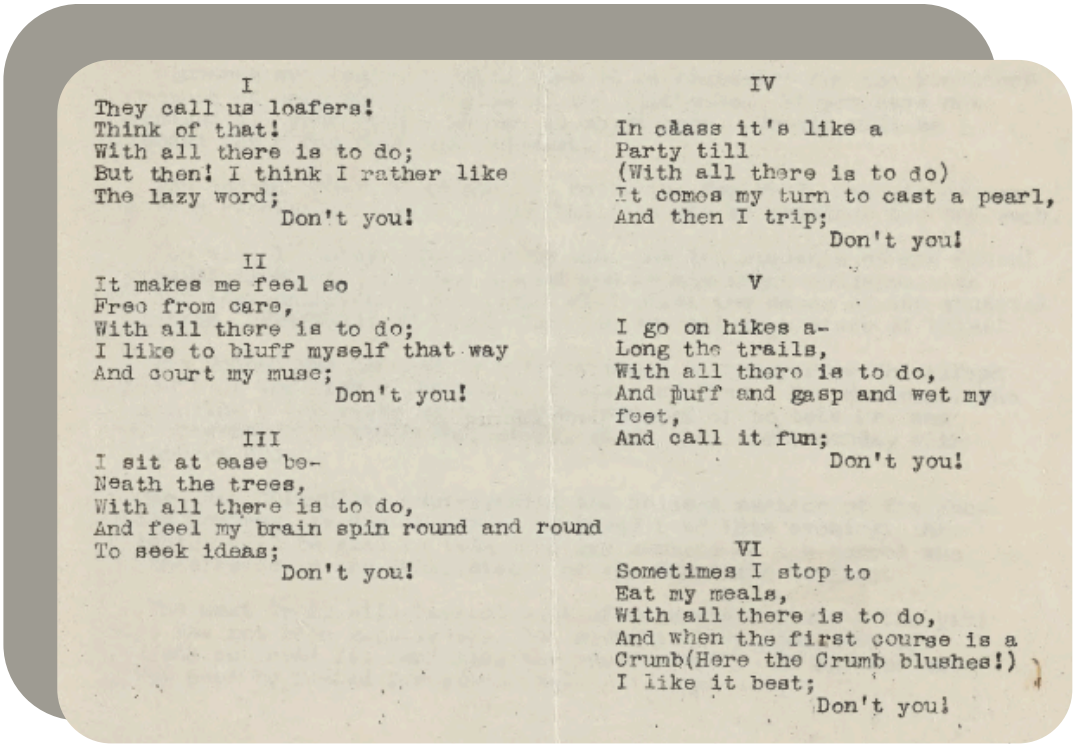
Join us in the Barn on Saturday night at 8:30-11pm for a karaoke night! Ready your Celines, your Johnnys, your pop punk, your rock ballads, your country twang!
Bring your IDs if you would like to partake in libations. Bring your center stage passion if you would like to unleash your inner star!

A STARGAZER, MOVED

The stargazing event with Dr. Catherine Miller (Middlebury College) has been moved to Sunday night so that we are given the highest possible chance of clear sight.
Start preparing the line of poetry you'd like to exclaim upon gazing into the cosmos. This editor claims Frost's *Stars*:
"How countlessly they congregate
O'er our tumultuous snow."

THEN AND NOW, NOW AND THEN

102 years ago, Bread Loaf students were concerned with their meal-table assignments (received on Monday and maintained throughout the week), their hike up to Snake Hill, and Willa Cather's arrival on the mountain for her lecture series.
They were also, like us this week, occupied with poetry! So much so that an anonymous student submitted a poem in six stanzas about us lovely Loafers for print.
It was introduced as such:
"The Crumb is so much flattered by the gracious sentiment of the last stanza of the following that it really cannot forbear printing the poem. Please do not assume that this is, in any sense, a suggestion that the poem will not live down through the ages for other reasons. The extreme shyness of the author-- due doubtless to the artistic temperament-- forbids even a nom de plume. The Crumb will print in caps the names of those who guess from the style the identity of the genius in our midst, providing the names are accompanied by further contributions. We do long to be literary--"



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They call us loafers!
Think of that!
With all there is to do;
But then! I think I rather like
The lazy word;
Don't you!

II
It makes me feel so
Free from care,
With all there is to do;
I like to bluff myself that way
And court my muse;
Don't you!

III
I sit at ease be-
Neath the trees,
With all there is to do,
And feel my brain spin round and round
To seek ideas;
Don't you!

IV
In class it's like a
Party till
(With all there is to do)
It comes my turn to cast a pearl,
And then I trip;
Don't you!

V
I go on hikes a-
Long the trails,
With all there is to do,
And puff and gasp and wet my feet,
And call it fun;
Don't you!

VI
Sometimes I stop to
Eat my meals,
With all there is to do,
And when the first course is a
Crumb(Here the Crumb blushes!)
I like it best;
Don't you!

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RIPTON FASHION WEEK

This year's hottest fashion trend mirrors our summer in the Bread Loaf Barn: chairs! And chairs. And then, when you least expect it... more chairs!
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Please use this QR code to sign up!

COUNSELING

As we head into the second half of our time here at Bread Loaf, students are reminded that Middlebury Counseling offers students short-term counseling, group therapy, consultation, and referrals to other mental health resources.

Counseling will be holding office hours in the Barn on Fridays from beginning on July 5, 2024. to supplement the regular in-office availability on the main campus Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm. To make an appointment or review resource options, call 802-443-5141 or email counseling@middlebury.edu

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FACULTY LECTURE

Join us tonight in the Barn at 7:30 for a faculty lecture from our very own Dr Dennis Britton!

Dr Britton is Associate Professor of English at the University of British Columbia. He is the author of Becoming Christian: Race, Reformation, and Early Modern English Romance (2014). He is currently working on a monograph entitled “Shakespeare and Pity: Feeling Difference on the Early Modern English Stage” and a new critical edition of Othello.

In his lecture, Dennis will walk you through his journey to make sense of two lines from Shakespeare's Othello that have bugged him since the first time he taught the play. This journey took him back to Virgil, Dante, Petrarch, and the English Petrarchan tradition. Reading the texts that inspired Shakespeare not only allowed him to answer his questions about Othello, but it also helped him see the various ways all of these writers yoke race and feeling.

THE MOON’S PERFECT IMPERFECTIONS

A big thank-you to Dr. Miller and her super-powerful telescopes for a delightful time out in the field yesterday evening. Over 25 students joined in the revelry last night, sharing both whispers and exclamations alike.

"The gates of Heaven are open wide; off I ride..." Ch'u Tz'u (China, ca. 3rd century B.C.E.)

GUSHIN’ ABOUT GOSHEN

Congratulations to all of our Bread Loaf students who participated in the Goshen Gallop, including our own Richard Milby who placed third.

Please extend your congratulations to Cameron and Cherie as well, for finishing first and second respectively in the inaugural Bread Loaf Foot Race. They sprinted to the tune of cheers and cicada song.

ON CAMERA!

We're still looking for extras to be in the film this Thursday at Lake Pleiad (3pm call time) and Sunday eve in the theater. If you're interested, please sign up ASAP by emailing lakepleiadproductions@gmail.com or find me (Shelley), Cherie, or José around campus.

ALSO, a camera crew will be on campus this week. We'll be catching B-roll (supplemental footage) and some of that may include scenes of students walking to/from events, on their way to class, or reading in the field.
We want your permission! So, **if you don't want to be on camera,** please let us know and we'll be sure to remove you from any footage.

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DJ DREAMIN'

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EDUCATOR'S ALLY

It's not too late to sign up to meet with Margaret Cissel, Senior Placement Manager from Educator's Ally! She will be on the Bread Loaf campus this Wednesday, July 17.
EA partners with independent schools throughout the U.S. in support of their faculty and staff hiring.

Are you considering making a change and interested in exploring teaching and/or leadership opportunities for fall '25? Or are you interested in a more general conversation about your career goals?

To schedule a time with her, please use this link.
You can learn more about Educator's Ally at educatorsally.com.

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BLUE PARLOR / YELLOW BARN

Have you been *deliberating* if it is your time to take the stage at Blue Parlor? This week's slots have quickly filled with six authors who are ready to charm you this Tuesday evening at 8:30 in the barn. As we only have two Blue Parlor readings after this week, we ask that those who have read before wait until Tuesday at 4 PM for any remaining slots to give new readers the opportunity to sign up. Come and witness the fruits of their *deliberation*! (Have you caught on to the theme yet?) Contact Daria (dcenedella@middlebury.edu) with any thoughts or questions.

SENIOR MEETING

Seniors will have a meeting TODAY at 6:30pm in Barn 101. Please contact President Louis with any questions or concerns.

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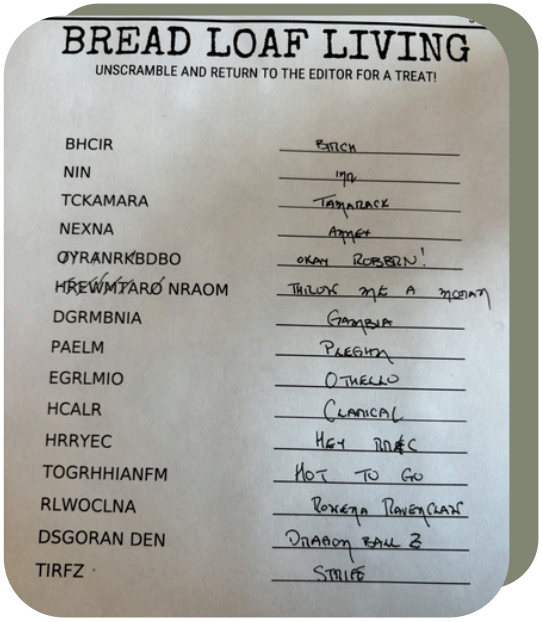
THE DEFINITIVE ANSWER KEY TO THE BREAD LOAF LIVING WORD SCRAMBLE

According to Austin Roy



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A TIME TO TOAST

This evening, come by for wine and cheese in the Barn from 5-6pm! We will chat, relax, enjoy music, libations, and each other's company.

LOAFCAST

Ever wondered about teaching or creating podcasts? Have a burning idea for one that you can't wait to produce? Join Ron Schacter in the Apple Cellar on Friday at 9:30 for another Podcasting Workshop. You do NOT need to have attended the first workshop to come to this one!

You can expect to learn about the following:

- Sharing an interview that you've done and edited
- Writing for Broadcast
- Working with the finished components of your podcast
- Recording practice
- Advanced sound editing
- Teaching podcasting in the classroom
- Working one-on-one through the rest of the term to achieve your finished product

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SCAVENGER HUNT

Everyone knows that the "Frost Fortune" was lost long ago. Bread Loafers Professor Pretzel, Madame Baguette, Mr. Matzo, and Mrs. Crumpet performed the heist of the century, but hid the treasure so well that no one has ever found it.

Each of them left behind their own set of clues, however, so that one day a bright, deserving Loafer would find the treasure. They all had their own specialties: Pretzel loved puzzles, Madame her poetry, Matzo preferred a good hiding spot, and Crumpet thought these all lacked subtlety. A fine touch, Crumpet thought. The right scholar would appreciate attention to detail.

Be on the lookout for each of these clues over the next week of Crumbs!

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BLTN FELLOWS

BLTN fellows, be ready to share your exchange ideas and plans at Thursday's meeting, 7 p.m!

Y2K DANCE

It's been *Hot in Herre*, so *I Gotta Feeling* we all need to *Lose Control* and *Get the Party Started* on Saturday night. Join DJ Caroline for some *Glamorous* hits you won't want to say *Bye Bye Bye* to! You won't have to walk *A Thousand Miles* to this party, just to the Barn at 8:30pm. See you then!

CRAFTERNOON

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WRITING CENTER GETS RAVE REVIEWS!

Here are just a few things Writing Center goers have been saying about their experiences:

- It was a wonderful session that make me feel more confident in the direction I am going and expressing that clearer to the reader.
- Amazing, per usual.
- My peer reader was a wonderful sounding board!
- This was super helpful and helped me feel less stressed about my project.

Let's learn a bit more about these lovely Peer Readers! I'll feature a few bios every few days.

- Hi fellow Bread Loafers! My name is **Laurin (she/her)** and I live in Ann Arbor, Michigan where I teach 6th grade English. This summer I'm taking Banning Books/Harms of Literature and Fiction Writing. I'm a BLSE senior and am so excited to be a peer reader during my final summer on the mountain. Looking forward to learning with you!

- I'm **Jamie (she/they)**. I'm in my 5th summer at Bread Loaf. I'm currently taking *Othello and its Afterlives* and *Fiction Writing*. I am a special education teacher in NYC where I teach Humanities classes about Restorative Justice and a Deconstructing Horror film class. I have a published essay coming out in August titled *How to Draw a Penis and Other Lessons from a Special Education classroom*.

- Hello! My name is **Giulia (she/her)** and I am a twin from NJ. I do biochemistry research when I am not here and love being outside in my free time! My favorite color is teal and I think the most used key on my computer is the backspace because I am indecisive. This is my fifth summer at Bread Loaf and I am taking *Novellas* and *George Orwell*. I love the writing center and cannot wait for many awesome peer reading sessions!

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BE NOT AFEARD; THE [MOUNTAIN] IS FULL OF NOISES

As we are all intimately aware, mountain weather is as changeable as the sea. We may be tempest-toss'd or scorched by sun, but you can always find out about inclement weather, road closures, and other area information by checking in with the Front Desk, logging onto BreadWeb, or looking at newengland511.org.

THE CRUMB, WEEKEND EDITION

BREAD LOAF SCHOOL OF ENGLISH • VERMONT • 2024

VOLUME 102, NO. 18 JUNE 19-21, 2024

AT A GLANCE

Friday

3-4pm Arboreal Tour- Barn Steps

7:30-10pm Performance *Book of Will*- Theater

Saturday

10am- Ben and Jerry's Facility Tour Excursion (11:30am)

8:30-11pm Dance

Sunday

2-4pm Crafternoon- Tent

7-8:30pm Film Screening: North Putnam (James Sanchez)- Barn

FILM SCREENING: *NORTH PUTNAM*

From Dr. James Sanchez:
North Putnam is an ode to public education. The film is crafted with empathy, a hyper-real reporting lens and skillfully lush cinematography to depict a year in the life of a rural Indiana school district and the community it serves. Multiple storylines intersect, culminating in a narrative about the interdependence between public education and community development. Shot entirely from an observational viewpoint, North Putnam demonstrates the struggles, achievements, and love of a public education. The film, executive produced by Dave Eggers, is 90 minutes long and will be shown Sunday night at 7pm in the Barn.
On Monday, the director, Joel Fendelman, will be visiting, and we will be doing a Q&A/discussion about the film and pubic education as well as a lunch table for continued conversation.

YOU KNEAD TO SEE THIS!

Please join the Bread Loaf Acting Ensemble TONIGHT for Lauren Gunderson's The Book of Will! 7:30PM in the Little Theater (no tickets, just come on over!)

Also, tickets for our final production, Two Shakespearean Actors, will become available to faculty and staff on Monday and for students on Wednesday! The show runs August 2nd-4th. Students can pick up tickets at the front desk, or anyone can email BLBoxOffice@middlebury.edu to reserve tickets!

The *North Putnam* trailer can be viewed here:

LEAFY GREENS

From Tim Parsons, Landscape Horticulturist, Middlebury College:
Join me as we wander the grounds of the Bread Loaf campus, talking about our arboreal friends and learning what they can teach us about themselves, and ourselves as well. We'll wander around the grounds of the campus, identifying trees, looking at the historical landscape, and I'll take the opportunity to ask y'all what you'd like to see for future landscaping as I start to develop a master landscape plan for Bread Loaf.

THE CRUMB, WEEKEND ED.

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VOLUME 102, NO. 18 JULY 19-21, 2024

NEW MILLENNIUM DANCE

Oops! *I Did It Again*.... I composed ANOTHER dance write-up. Oh well, you can't *Steal My Sunshine*! Grab your *Lollipop*s and *Milkshake*s from the *Candy Shop* and get out to the Barn on Saturday and dance like *When You Were Young*. The dance begins at 8:30, goes through *Nine in the Afternoon*, and ends at 11pm. We can't wait to *Shake It* with you all, but the rest is still *Unwritten*.

PARK IN THE PARKING LOT

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WRITING CENTER ROCKS!

Here are a few more reviews from our rocking Writing Center!

- Helpful to always have a thought partner.
- My peer reader was very receptive to conversation and extremely helpful in terms of the delivery of her feedback!
- Amazing.

And here are a few more bios from our fearless and peerless peer readers!

- I'm Julia, and I use she/her pronouns. I live in Andover, MA and teach English at an independent school, where I am also involved in the peer tutor Writing Center there. I would be delighted to read anything you've written, be it for class or otherwise, at any point of the writing process, or be audience to any other kind of media you've created and want feedback on.

- I'm Ned (he/him), and I hail from Cambridge, MA where I teach English at Winsor— US Lit, Latin American Lit, Empire Writes Back (postcolonial lit elective), and a Creative Non-Fiction workshop. I love the writing conferences I get to have with my students, and I love that I can keep doing those here with other Loafers.

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SCAVENGER HUNT

A Note: From here on, clues won't always be clearly labelled. You will need to read carefully throughout the Crumb!

Madame Baguette loved poetry by Emily Dickinson. In fact, she went to the library every day to read from the volumes there. "It is not the beginning nor the end that I love so much in a story," she's been reported to have said. "The middle has everything you need to know."

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/Sunday
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LUNCH AND Q&A WITH JOEL FENDELMAN

Joel Fendelman, director of *North Putnam*, will be on **c**ampus today for both a **lu**nch table chat and a Q&A discussion tonight. F**e**ndelman, an IDA Documentary Award winner for his film *Man on Fire*, is a NYC-based filmmaker focused on "socially conscious stories that deal with religion, social class, minorities and communicates the underlying connection between us all."

North Putnam, produced by our own Dr. James Sanchez and execu**t**ive produced by Dave Eggers, follo**w**s a rural Indiana sch**o**ol district and the community it serves. If you didn't catch the film Sunday evening, you can view the trailer here. The Q&A tonight will not only address the film, but will discuss public education in larger context.

WRITING CENTER: ONLINE AND OFF

The writing center **is** open...virtually and in person!

As some of us are fighting covid, please check our online schedule for **th**e most updated hours. If you would like an online/asynchronous session, feel free to re**a**ch out to Giulia (gnapoli@middlebury.edu) or **t**he peer reader with whom you would like to work to arrange one.

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LUNCH TABLE W/ CAROLYN KUEBLER

C**a**rolyn Kuebler, Middlebury College profes**s**or, editor of the *New England Review*, and a**u**thor of the critically acclaimed 2024 hit *Liquid, Fragile, Perishable*, w**i**ll be here Tuesday, July 23 for a lunch table conver**s**ation. Read more about Carolyn here!

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- Hello Bloafers! I'm Rebecca. I graduated from Bread Loaf in 2018, got my MFA from Bennington in 2023, and am now working on my MLitt! Too many great classes here for just one degree. I love working with people on both creative and analytical work. My one great attribute is my curiosity, so let me live vicariously through you and learn about your work!

- Hello everyone! I'm August Newell (she/her) and I'm from Los Angeles, CA. I majored in Philosophy with minors in Mathematics and Theatre at Middlebury College (you might have heard of it), where I wrote a thesis on Lesbian Gender, Speech Act Theory, and Feminist Social Epistemology.

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LUNCH TABLE WITH CAROLYN KUEBLER- **POST PONED**

Calling all students, faculty, and staff who love talking informally about writing and publishing with other Bread Loafers. Join us **AUGUST 5** for lunch and conversation with Carolyn Kuebler, a Middlebury College alum and teacher who is also Editor of the *New England Review*, and author of the poignant debut novel, *Liquid, Fragile, Perishable* (2024). Read more about Carolyn here.

SENIOR MEETING

Seniors! You have a meeting TODAY at 6:30pm in the Blue Parlor. Get in touch with President Louis if you have any questions or cannot make it.

BLUE PARLOR / YELLOW BARN

Join us TONIGHT in the yellow barn for another Blue Parlor reading! There are still open slots available to any readers of any genre. As we only have ONE Blue Parlor readings after this week, we ask that those who have read before wait until 4 PM for any remaining slots to give new readers the opportunity to sign up.
Today's theme is *tomorrow*. Tomorrow's theme is today. Next week's theme... who knows? We'll see you there.
Contact Daria (dcenedella@middlebury.edu) with any thoughts or questions.

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WRITING CENTER: ONLINE AND OFF

The writing center is open...virtually and in person!
As some of us are fighting covid, please check our online schedule for the most updated hours. If you would like an online/asynchronous session, feel free to reach out to Giulia (gnapoli@middlebury.edu) or the peer reader with whom you would like to work to arrange one.

A TIME TO TALK TOMORROW

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BOOKSTORE CLOSED TODAY

Bread Loaf bookstore will be closed today! You can pick up your warm Bread Loaf sweatshirts, laundry detergent, and Adirondack chair stickers beginning again tomorrow, at their regular hours 10am-1pm.

FLOWER ARRANGING

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ONLINE LIBRARY MATERIALS

The library can scan chapters from books and purchase e-materials. More info can be found on the BLSE LibGuide: go/blseguide/ (see the "Requests for Online Library Materials" section). Questions? Please contact Kellam Ayres, Liaison to the Bread Loaf Programs (kayres@middlebury.edu) and she'll do her best to get the resources you need for your studies.

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CARNEY SANDOE & ASSOC. INFO SESSION

Attention Middlebury Bread Loaf! Are you interested in teaching English? Carney, Sandoe, and Associates helps English teachers to find jobs they **love**. We invite you to meet our English Placement Associate, Leslie Ganson, in-person and learn how CS&A can connect you with teaching opportunities at great schools worldwide.
Don't mis this opportunity to jumpstart a job search with CS&A and take the first step toward finding a school that matches your educational values and career goals!
Join us Friday, July 26 at 9:30-11am in Barn Classroom 102 for an in-person information session. If you are interested but cannot make the session, reach out to recruitment@carneysandoe.com.

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CHEERS TO BREAD LOAF TRIVIA

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ITS DOUGH-VER

Congratulations to our own Brian Hotchkiss for securing the win for our campus-wide game of "Secret Tag." When asked about his victory, Hotchkiss remarked "Love wins!" while holding hands with a female companion.

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BREAD LOAF FILM WRAP UP

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THE CRUMB, WEEKEND EDITION

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5-7pm Robert Frost Picnic- Homer Noble Farm

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Saturday

9:30am-4pm Local Hike: Hogback Mountain- Inn Steps

8-10pm "Move It!" Dance

Sunday

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GAME OF TRIVIA TONIGHT!

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A POEM

In a room with a fabulous view,
To reach it, you'd climb,
One stair at a time,
For a treasure worth all you went through.

POND

Thank you to our fabulous seniors for closing out our 2024 pond reading with a loving tribute to our wonderful (if a bit silly) community. A big shout out to all of the groups and readers who read this summer: The DA's and Dennis Britton, Theater Tech and Angela Brazil, Front Desk and Sam Swope, and of course, the Seniors with Kate Marshall and Harriet Chessman. Well done, all!

A lake a single lake which is a pond and a little water which is an ant and no burning, not any burning, all this is sudden.

Water astonishing and difficult altogether makes a meadow and a stroke.

I was bothered as to why being up so high nothing happened. If you go up into the mountains not very high everything happens...

Gertrude Stein's *Tender Buttons* and *Lectures in America*

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CYNOSURE LECTURE

LITERARY CENSORSHIP: THE PAST AND FUTURE

Join us tonight at 7:30pm for the annual Cynosure Lecture in the Tent! Dr. Emma Smith, a Professor of Shakespeare Studies at University of Oxford and Fellow at Hertford College, is a leading Shakespearean scholar, writer, editor, and podcast host. Here's what The Guardian had to say: "Smith's written voice, like that of her lectures, is disarmingly frank, refreshingly irreverent, full of pop culture, from Homer Simpson to Friends to screwball comedy." From Dr. Smith herself, "In this lecture I discuss the paradoxical history of literary censorship as both a restriction on, and an enabler of, textual circulation. We'll look back at what we can learn from the past to help in an era of unprecedented post-production censorship, and at the uncomfortable compromises all discussions of censorship have to encounter. Come for *Fahrenheit 451*; stay for *Ulysses*, *Measure for Measure*, and *Mein Kampf*." Books will be available for purchase after the lecture during the reception.

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We'll focus especially on *Richard III* and *Macbeth*, but come with your own examples and questions, from teaching, reading, and activism. The aim is to work out the ways in which Shakespeare can – and, crucially, can't – frame our discussions on the role of the literary in the twenty-first century.

WRITING CENTER RARING TO GO!

Happy last full week (☹) of Bread Loaf, friends!

The writing center is popping this week, please sign up if you'd like another mind or set of eyes on your projects!

Available sessions:

Monday: 10 AM–12:15 PM, 2–5 PM, 6–7 PM

Tuesday: 10–11 AM, 11 AM–1 PM, 7–8 PM

Wednesday: 11:15 AM–12:15 PM, 6–7 PM

Thursday: 10 AM–1 PM

+ Othello Class Writing Center takeover 7–8 PM

Friday: 2–3 PM

Please email Giulia (gnapoli@middlebury.edu) if you would like her to try and find you a reader next weekend or next Monday/Tuesday...the earlier the better!

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SATURDAY EXCURSION- THE FINAL ONE!

Enjoy a relaxing float trip down the White River this Saturday. A $20 inflatable tube provided by Vermont River Tubing (cash only; Venmo available only if your carrier is AT&T) will lazily allow you to take in the scenery of the surrounding mountainscapes and lush environs. Wear shoes that you don't mind getting wet, bring sun protection, and see Vermont in a different way. We will prepare bagged lunches in the Dining Hall, leave the Front Porch of the Inn at 10:00, and return in plenty of time before dinner.

BLUE PARLOR / YELLOW BARN BLUE BARN?

Here it is, the final Blue Parlor reading of the summer. Time for us to gather once final time to celebrate student writing of all kinds. This week's theme is **HAZE**. A medium and barrier; an obfuscation and a veneer, haze gives us all sorts of ideas about sight and perception. Sign ups are available outside the Dining Hall- please defer slots to those who have not yet read this summer. See you Tuesday night!

LUNCH TABLE WITH DEAN AND DIRECTOR

Join Emily Bartels and Lyndon Dominique on Thursday at noon for a lunchtime conversation about your experiences at Bread Loaf and the Bread Loaf community. All are welcome to drop by, including off-campus students, who can pick up a complimentary meal ticket at the Front Desk. This is your chance to chat with our leadership about everything Bread Loaf!

DEPARTURE INFORMATION

Alas, it will soon be time for us to depart our mountain home to return to whoever we are outside of this place as (hopefully) our fresher, shinier (sweatier), rejuvenated selves. On Wednesday, departure slips will become available in the Crumb and on the Front Desk. Please fill these out ASAP!

LATE NIGHT STUDY BREAK

Come by the Barn on Wednesday night at 10pm for a late night study break with pizza and conversation. Leave the work behind for bit and enjoy some camaraderie and relaxation.
See you there!

LUNCH TABLE W/ BL ALUM KURT OSTROW!

The BL Teacher Network Journal publishes work by BLTN fellows every spring, showcasing the rich work in their classrooms. How might we reimagine the Journal? What would be most useful to, and inspiring for, your teaching practice? Join assistant editor Kurt Ostrow for lunch to brainstorm—sky's the limit!

LAST WEEK OF LETTERPRESS

This is the last week of letterpress workshops. The cabin will close for the summer season on Saturday, August 3rd. Evening workshop slots will be open for purposes of putting away type. Please reach out to Nyna or Nick with questions. Thank you for a wonderful season of printing.

A SHOUT OUT TO STUDENT GATHERINGS

Part of what makes Bread Loaf a program that creates "Bread Lifers" are the casual gatherings, games, and events that pick up over the summer. From Secret Tag to film festivals to Wimbleloaf to jam sessions and evermore convocations at the creek- we hold these memories close as we part ways. And we let them guide us back when the time is right. Well done, all. Thank you.

TSHIRT AND TOTE PICK UP!

Payment and Pick Up for Pre-Ordered Shirts/Totes ONLY, Inn Porch
Tuesday 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Wednesday 11:30 am - 1:30pm
Thursday 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Open Sale for Extra Shirts/Totes, Inn Porch
Friday 11:30-1:30pm
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We'll focus especially on *Richard III* and *Macbeth*, but come with your own examples and questions, from teaching, reading, and activism. The aim is to work out the ways in which Shakespeare can - and, crucially, can't - frame our discussions on the role of the literary in the twenty-first century.

WRITING CENTER RARING TO GO!

Happy last full week (🙁) of Bread Loaf, friends!

The writing center is popping this week, please sign up if you'd like another mind or set of eyes on your projects!

Available sessions:

Tuesday: 10-11 AM, 11 AM-1 PM, 7-8 PM
Wednesday: 11:15 AM-12:15 PM, 6-7 PM
Thursday: 10 AM-1 PM
+ Othello Class Writing Center takeover 7-8 PM
Friday: 2-3 PM

Please email Giulia (gnapoli@middlebury.edu) if you would like her to try and find you a reader next weekend or next Monday/Tuesday...the earlier the better!

BLUE PARLOR / YELLOW BARN

BLUE BARN?

Here it is, the final Blue Parlor reading of the summer. Time for us to gather once final time to celebrate student writing of all kinds. This week's theme is **HAZE**. A medium and barrier; an obfuscation and a veneer, haze gives us all sorts of ideas about sight and perception.

Sign ups are available outside the Dining Hall- please defer slots to those who have not yet read this summer.

See you Tuesday night!

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LAST WEEK OF LETTERPRESS

This is the last week of letterpress workshops. The cabin will close for the summer season on Saturday, August 3rd. Evening workshop slots will be open for purposes of putting away type.

Please reach out to Nyna or Nick with questions. Thank you for a wonderful season of printing.

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BOOKSTORE HOURS

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Payment and Pick Up for Pre-Ordered Shirts/Totes ONLY, Inn Porch

Tuesday 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

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If you come to San Francisco with me, we can actually catch up, unlike at bread loaf where we're all either working on a paper or doing bits or both. We'll ask each other what do you want? And try to answer it honestly...We'll talk about the person you read a poem about at blue parlor. We'll say, if it were sundae sunday right now, even if i had no lactaid, i would totally go for it without any regard for the consequences. We'll agree that California doesn't have autumn the way New England does... We'll miss Vermont and the color yellow together.

-Jessie Ewald, "You Are All Invited to my Parents' House for Thanksgiving"

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Building and Room #: _____

Do you have a roommate? Y / N

Date of Departure: _____

Estimated Time of Departure: _____

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This exercise will help develop the following skills:
• Utilizing multi-modal features of Copilot
• Utilizing the various features or capabilities of Copilot
• Prompt writing tips and techniques
• Ideation and Researching with Copilot
• Applying format and tone
• Understanding of how to apply these tools and approaches to your work

Bring your laptop or device to participate!

WRITING FOR PUBLICATION WORKSHOP W/ BL ALUM KURT OSTROW

Writing for Publication is for anyone interested in having their work or ideas reach a wider audience. Want to start drafting a pedagogy article or education op-ed? Need to brainstorm venues to place your latest poem? Then come by Classroom 101 on Friday morning at 9:30. The workshop will be facilitated by Kurt Ostrow, who recently graduated from The Ohio State University's MFA program and has published in literary magazines such as Electric Literature and Gulf Coast. As a BLTN Fellow, he has also published in Rethinking Schools and with The New York Times "Lesson of the Day."

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STRANDS! THEME: VERMONT

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Y	N	T	O	R	L
K	C	S	R	N	L
C	O	I	B	W	A

Directions: Strands is the word search's challenging older sibling. Find words related to the theme, allowing each word to travel up, down, across, diagonal, etc. Every letter in the game will be used!

Good luck!

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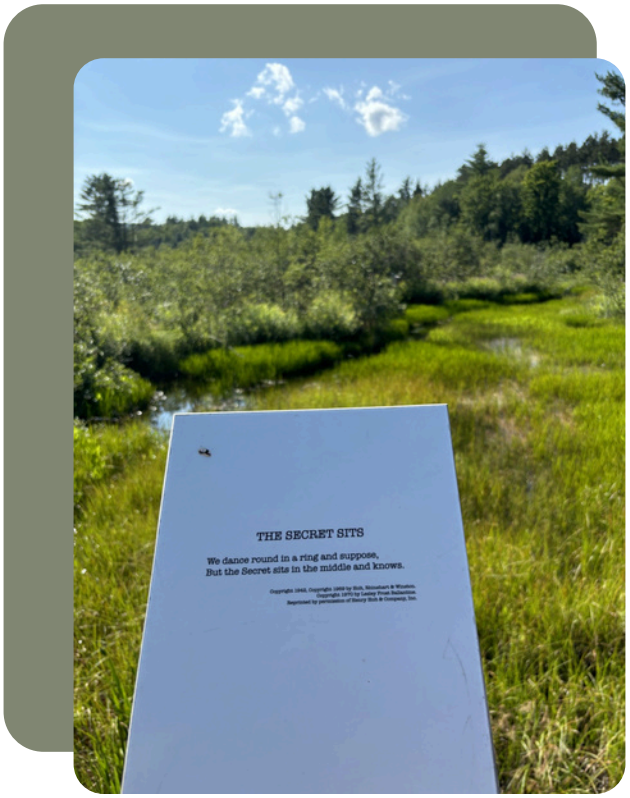

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11-12:30pm Rachel Wortman Morris Zoom Workshop: AI- Classroom 101

7:30-10pm Performance of *Two Shakespearean Actors*- Little Theater

Saturday

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You'll find the link in the shortcuts on the lefthand margin of your BreadWeb home screen. If you don't see it, search for "BLSE 2024 Map."

BREAD LOAF IN MAPS

We've been mapping Bread Loaf all summer long with our conversations about the land, about belonging, and about where to find the best outdoor study spot that *isn't* besieged by deer flies.

Do you have a fun, creative, helpful, or interesting "map" of Bread Loaf? Share them with your editor in breadsidence at atempus@middlebury.edu so that they can be shared with the community! Today's feature is Breloafia, a map designed by our own Titus O'Neil, which the theatre tech crew currently utilizes in their D&D campaign.

THEATER RECEPTION

You are cordially invited to our end-of-the-summer theater reception on Saturday night after the show! It will be held in the Tent after our Saturday night performance of Two Shakespearean Actors (August 3rd) and will start around 10pm.

Please join us to celebrate our successful summer season for food, drink, and convivial conversation!

THEN AND NOW; NOW AND THEN

Here are some musings, and perhaps a little advice, given to us all the way from a 1934 edition of The Crumb:

Mr. Eaton defined drama yesterday as "emotion apprehended directly, illustrated in terms of actors on a stage, and having no relation, so far as the dramatist is concerned, to the ordinary methods of writing literature."

"The lyric essence, the poetry of poetry," Mr. Morrison feels is the definition of "that quality in poetry we would all like to be able to describe and generally cannot."

"There is more real craftsmanship," said Mr. DeVoto, "in the special articles found in the big circulation magazines then in many of the smaller and more intellectual periodicals." And there is no cause, he thinks, for sneering at craftsmanship.

"Your story," declared Mr. Allen, "is more important than you. Don't let yourself get in. But there are some stories in which this is unavoidable. When you have one like this, jump in and do it, and trust to luck."

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CONGRATULATIONS BREAD LOAF JOURNAL AND CONTEST WINNERS!

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LUNCH TABLE W/ CAROLYN KUEBLER

Carolyn Kuebler, Middlebury College professor, editor of the *New England Review*, and author of the critically acclaimed 2024 hit *Liquid*, *Fragile*, *Perishable*, will be here Tuesday, July 23 for a lunch table conversation. Join her to have a chat about writing and publishing!
Read more about Carolyn here!

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TUESDAY NIGHT CONCERT

Q: How to celebrate the last class on Tuesday?
A: With a concert in the barn!

Q: Who is playing?
A: Yann Falquet & Keith Murphy

Q: Do I know them?
A: If you heard Genticorum, North America's #1 Quebeçois band, play last year in the Barn, then you will remember Yann sang and played guitar and a little melodeon and also a bit of the mouth harp. If you were here in 2022, when we were all being careful and tentative, due to the nature of that covid then, Keith played in the barn one afternoon, and, given the rarity of concerts in that era — and given too that Keith plays the most beautiful songs in French & English, Vermont- or greater New England- related — we all left feeling as if we had been reconnected to sound. It was, you could say, a lovely afternoon of sonic readjustment. Well, now they are back in a new configuration as the Brattleboro-based Falquet & Murphy — or Murphy & Falquet, depending on who you talk to. They are great, and their songs will be great, and as always the barn (which is wooden) loves the sound of wooden instruments and voices and old songs or new songs that might sound old. The barn feels as if it is a player, like when the novel is a character, or something.

A: Who invited them?
Q: The same people who are inviting all of you — the 8:15 a.m. M-T-W-TH sessions of both "Theatrical Worlds of the 18th Century" (Newman & co.) and "Mapping Vermont" (Sullivan, et al.).

Q: How great will it be to be there?
A: So great! And you are most welcome, and we thank you in advance for attending what promises to be the perfect send off from classes and words and writing and thinking back into a world where those things are happening too, just in different places, different contexts.

Q: You said TUESDAY NIGHT at 7:30?
A: Yes!

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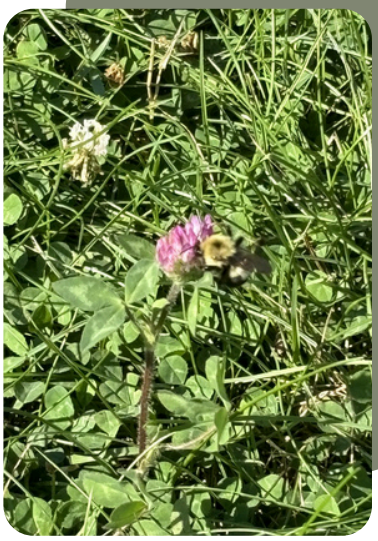
FINAL ALL-SCHOOL CRUMB

At the beginning of the summer, I wrote that had been contemplating the root "rêve," which comes from Middle French's "to dream." It suggests delirium, hallucination, and "wandering about." It felt appropriate for Bread Loaf. We often joke that Bread Loaf is somehow this separate place from our "real lives." The dreamy meadow and haze over the mountain, the delirious nights post-pond, the faint music on the air caught like something from memory. Rêve is also integral to words like revelry- lively and noisy festivities (sometimes with Vermont Rosé cider or buttery chardonnay). Joyous, raucous, laugh until the air is absent, porch-sitting pre-parties, toes in the river and drink in hand, the warmth of a mountain sun. Bread Loaf gathers its dreams like goldenrod and milkweed in a prairie bouquet.

I leave you with a poem from Emily Dickinson, who understood "rêve" in its fullest:
"To make a prairie it takes a clover and one bee,
One clover, and a bee.
And revery.
The revery alone will do,
If bees are few."



What an honor, to share in this revery as your Crumb editor this summer.
Thank you for readership. It's truly been a labor of Loaf.

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AT A GLANCE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/Sunday
12pm Lunch Table with Carolyn Kuebler, Editor of New England Review **5-6pm** Celebration of Bread Loaf Journal and Contest Winners- Barn	**LAST DAY OF CLASSES!** **7:30-10:30pm** Performance from Falquet and Murphy - Barn	**1pm** Ice Cream Pre-Game- Classroom 101 **2pm** MLitt Presentation: Allyson LaBorde- Classroom 101 **3pm** Senior Cookout- Louis' House **5pm** Senior Sip n Paint- Barn **9pm** Karaoke- 2 Bros	**7pm** Trivia- Marquis Theater	**5-6pm** Senior Reception- Barn	**10:30am** Senior Picture- Barn **11-12:30pm** Commencement- Tent **12:30-2pm** Commencement Luncheon- West Lawn **5pm** Departure for All

SENIOR COMMENCEMENT GUEST INFORMATION

Seniors will be provided with four tickets for their guests for commencement exercises and luncheon.

• We will be able to provide a limited number of guest rooms on campus for Friday night, August 9 only.

• Rooms will cost $75 per person (not per room). Room fees must be paid in advance, to the Front Desk, in cash only.

• To reserve a guest room, email Victoria Brown (vbrown@middlebury.edu) by Thursday, August 1 and include the following information: number of rooms, single rooms or shared, gender, and any special needs.

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SATURDAY LIFT TO THE TRAIN

Anyone needing a ride on Saturday 8/10 to the Middlebury train station (train time 10:40AM), please sign up at the Front Desk.

TRIVIA AT MARQUIS THEATER

Join us every Thursday at 6:30pm in the cafe for trivia! There's no cost to play. Teams of up to 6 players. Drinks specials will be happening and prizes awarded to the winning team. Hope to see you there!

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Life After Bread Loaf by David Emory

I've overstayed my welcome.

First they dismantle the set:
that imagined landscape
that took shape
week by week,

a nowhere becoming a somewhere,

now unscrewed,
pried up,
torn down,
stripped out,
carted off to a little pile of lumber and fabric
behind the Barn.

Then the reserve books:
anthologies, analyses
stacked, boxed,
trucked down to town.
The regular books too.

White
shelves
now
empty
of
ideas.

I didn't expect the Barn to go,
but
down
it
comes,
beam
by
beam,
all numbered and stacked.

The Inn too,
starting with the bell.
Adironack chairs,
tennis nets,
the flag pole,
the stone wall.

All gone. Even the bugs.

And here I stand
in the middle of nowhere
that was once somewhere.

But wait a minute.
That's my car.

You'll have to move it, they say.
We're rolling up the meadow.

In my rear view mirror,
they start unscrewing the trees.